



# Highland Park CCRC Happenings

## Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### College Admission Visits and More!

College visit season is here! Colleges & programs from all over the United States will be visiting Highland throughout this fall and early winter. This is your time to meet with admission counselors to ask questions about their college, application and acceptance requirements. Listed below are the colleges and programs that will be visiting the next 2 weeks. Click on link below to sign up for a visit!

#### Upcoming College Visits:

##### **Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Univ. of Wisconsin- River Falls	9:05am (Middle of 1B)
Occidental College	10:30am (Middle of 2B)

##### **Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Concordia College at Moorhead	9:05am (Middle of 1A)
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##### **Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

St. Johns/ St. Bens	9:05am (Middle of 1B)
Cornell College	1:43pm (Start of 4B)

[Click here to RSVP/ Sign Up for a Admission Visit and to see the Highland Park Admission Visit Schedule!](#) *Note: This schedule is updated regularly.*

### Announcements!

#### College Application Blitz 10/30 & 10/31

SENIORS! Need help getting started on your college applications? Have a question about the college application you're working on? Just want to connect with others while applying to colleges? **Come to College Application Blitz!**

College Application Blitz will take place in the CCRC on Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> during 1<sup>st</sup> hour and Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> during 4<sup>th</sup> hour.

*This will be an open space for seniors to connect with others and get help with their college apps!*

#### Gustavus Alumni Referral Scholarship – \$1,000/year!

For any 12th grade student who plans on applying to Gustavus, they can receive a \$1,000/year scholarship just by letting Mr. Carlson know that they plan on applying! He will take care of completing the referral and then if you're accepted to Gustavus, you'll receive the scholarship!

Mr. Carlson needs to send the referrals by **November 1st**, so you just need to email him that you plan on applying before then.

## **TRIO Upward Bound is Recruiting 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

TRIO Upward is a College Access Program that helps students plan for college and their career! This program offers tutoring services, individual advisors, college planning curriculum, a summer camp opportunity and participants will get PAID!!! We are recruiting in the month of October. If you are interested, *complete the interest form ASAP and stop by CCRC for questions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.!*

[Click here to view a video about UB!](#)

[Click here to complete our interest form!](#)

## **ActSix FULL RIDE Scholarship Due 11/28**

ActSix is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, ActSix will select 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for **full scholarships to the following colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College Moorhead and University of Northwestern.**

Applicants are encouraged to have a 3.0 gpa or higher and while ethnicity and family income are considered as factors in selecting an intentionally diverse group of scholars, there are no income restrictions, and students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply for ActSix. [Click here to learn more about ActSix.](#)

## **SENIORS Complete Your FSA ID**

Want money for college? Then you **MUST** complete the FAFSA/ MN Dream Act application. Seniors can begin to file their 2024-2025 FAFSA/MN Dream Act application starting **December 2023**. To file a FAFSA/MN Dream Act application, students and parents are required to report their 2022 income and tax information. When applying for federal or state financial aid with the FAFSA, you must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or an eligible non-citizen. Undocumented students can apply for state financial aid by accessing the online MN Dream Act - State Financial Aid application.

BEFORE completing the FAFSA students and families **MUST** sign up to have an FSA ID. The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access Federal Student Aid websites. [Click here to create an FSA ID!](#)

## **High School Page Program is Accepting 11<sup>th</sup> grader Applications**

The Page Program is a hands-on educational opportunity for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in government. Page program participants will participate in meeting with legislators, lobbyists, members of the judiciary and more. [Click here for more information.](#) Applications are due Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

## **Free Application Opportunities at MN Colleges & Universities**

Many postsecondary institutions waive application fees during Minnesota Goes to College Month. [Click here to see the list of MN colleges and universities that are waiving application fees.](#)

## [Xello College App Transcript and Letter of Recommendation Directions](#)

Seniors! When applying to colleges you may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation and/or an official transcript. To request either of these you will use Xello! [Click here to see directions and videos on how to submit these requests!](#)

## [College Possible is Recruiting](#)

### **COLLEGE POSSIBLE**

Want to earn a college degree? Become a College Possible student for personalized support and mentorship through every step of the college process. It's free! Application requirements:

- Academics: At least a 2.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Income: Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) or Pell Eligible
- Aspiration: Desire to attend a 4-year school
- Commitment: Willing to attend virtual sessions and consistently communicate
- There is NO citizenship requirement

[Click here to apply!](#)

## [Job/Internships & Other Career Opportunities!](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current jobs/internships & other career opportunities! This list will be updated throughout the year, so check back frequently

## [Upcoming Post-Secondary & Volunteer Opportunities!](#)

Event Name	Description	When & Where	Notes
<b>U of M- Mini Medical School Event</b>	Have you ever read a food label and thought what does it really mean? Or wondered why nutrition guidelines or recommendations seem to change year to year? How do soaring temperatures, little rain, and extreme weather conditions around the world impact food production, and what effect do patterns of human consumption have on the environment? "Food, Nutrition & the Effects of Substances on Health" will explore these questions and more, diving into the connections between food and nutrition as well as the health of our planet.	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> and Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>  Virtual Event	This series will delve into understanding different substances ingested– including cannabis, alcohol, psychedelics, and opioids– and their effects on mental and physical health.  <a href="#">Click here</a> to learn more and to register for this FREE event!

<p><b>Perry Outreach Program</b></p>	<p>We will be holding our POP event for high school students in the Minneapolis area. Students, who gender-identify as women or nonbinary, in grades 10 and up who are interested in exploring careers in orthopedics or engineering are encouraged to apply. In addition to six hands-on mock surgical exercises, participants will hear lectures from local women surgeons and engineers.</p>	<p>Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to apply!</a></p>
<p><b>Univ. of MN-Morris Informational Night</b></p>	<p>Join us for the UMN Information Night! Meet UMN Morris Admissions staff, alumni, and Chancellor Janet Schrunk Ericksen, enjoy great food catered by Brasa and learn more about UMN Morris.</p>	<p>Thursday, November 2, 2023   6–8 p.m.  ModernWell, 2909 S Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP!</a></p>
<p><b>St. Paul College Open Houses</b></p>	<p>St. Paul College is offering open houses for their various career focused programs! This is a great way to meet with admission representative and professors from the specific programs!</p>	<p>All events take place at St. Paul College  Wellness/ Service Open House- Thurs. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-7:30pm  Health Science Open House- Weds. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30pm  Culinary Arts Info Session- Tues. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP to any of these open houses!</a></p>
<p><b>Concordia Univ. Senior College Readiness Event</b></p>	<p>Our Senior College Readiness event is designed for seniors and first-generation students, wherever they may be in the college search and selection process.</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm  Admissions Welcome Center, CSP campus (<a href="#">350 Hamline Ave. N</a>)</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to learn more and to RSVP!</a></p>
<p><b>Sustainable Systems Management &amp; Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering Open House</b></p>	<p>This event will include a general program overview with specifics about each specialization, food and drink, along with a question and answer panel made up of current students, alumni, industry professionals and staff. This event will include a general program overview with specifics about each specialization, food and drink, along with a question</p>	<p>November 11, 10am -12 pm. in 106 BioAg building on the St.Paul campus</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here for more information and to RSVP!</a></p>

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<b>LEDA's Princeton University Summer Institute</b>	Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a <b>FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer</b> institute program at Princeton University. At this summer program students will receive leadership training, college guidance, ACT/SAT prep and more. Students will continue to have access to program resources during their senior year of high school and college.	<b>Deadline to apply is December, 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.</b>  Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.	<a href="#">Click here for more information and to apply!</a>  To be eligible for the program a student must be an 11 <sup>th</sup> grader, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less than \$90,000. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, are enrolled in rigorous coursework, and have demonstrated leadership.

Note Employers and organizations reach out to counselors to share job and volunteer opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Highland does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Highland does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

## **Testing Information!**

### **ACT 2023-2024 Test Dates & Registration Deadlines**

<b>ACT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
March 12 <sup>th</sup> (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>

**ACT Update:** I strongly encourage all students research their prospective colleges' guidelines/ requirements regarding the ACT. At the start of COVID many colleges changed their ACT requirements due to testing limitations. Many colleges have announced they will continue being test-optional (will not require the ACT test) for the class of 2024 and some have eliminated the requirement indefinitely.

### **Register to Test**

Register for the ACT at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12<sup>th</sup> test. Registration for this test will happen on paper and in school.

## **Free Online ACT Prep Resources**

Check out these FREE ACT preparation resources:

- FREE Virtual Practice Tests
- ACT Academy
- ACT Study Guide
- The Princeton Review Free Practice Tests

## **Scholarships!**

**Carol Jorgenson Scholarship for Environment-** SAIGE will award a \$1,000 scholarship to two full-time students pursuing undergraduate degrees in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related fields. Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe and be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline. *(Deadline 10/27/23)*

**United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)-** Two student leaders from each state will participate in a remote learning experience about the work of their national government. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, and they will hear from the president of the United States and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. *(Deadline 10/28/23)*

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship-** Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000. *(Deadline 10/31/23)*

**Ron Brown Scholarship-** The Ron Brown Scholarship advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. *(Deadline 11/1/23)*

**Aspiration in Computing Award-** The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Award recipients will be selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Minnesota Aspirations Award applicants will automatically be entered into the national NCWIT Aspirations Award competition. *(Deadline 11/6/23)*

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship-** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be awarding over 500 High School Seniors from across the country scholarships in the amount of \$2.44 million dollars. At our local Minnesota Lodge, they have given out more than \$80,000 in scholarships to seniors. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

**Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards-** The Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finances, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Sports and Technology. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

**Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship-** The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. *(Deadline 11/16/23)*

**The Schoolhouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship-** Our program is one of the nation's only national scholarship programs specifically serving youth that have experienced homelessness. The goal of our program is to provide financial assistance and staff and peer support to ensure that you are successful in getting to and through higher education and into the workforce. *(Deadline 11/24/23)*

**Act Six Scholarship-** Act Six is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, Act Six will select between 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for full scholarships to six partner colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College- Moorhead and University of Northwestern. *(Deadline 11/28/23)*

**MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Council-** The council will be awarding \$18,000 in \$1,000 individual scholarships - providing 18 Minnesota credit union members the opportunity to cut the cost of college. Any member of a Minnesota Credit Union Network affiliated credit union pursuing post-secondary education in the fall 2024/spring 2025 *OR* is a high school senior graduating in 2024 is eligible to apply. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**The NHS Scholarship-** Since 1946, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships to outstanding NHS seniors. This year, we are awarding \$2 million in scholarships to 600 students. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**Barbra Lotze Scholarship for Future Physics Teachers-** The AAPT Board of Directors offers scholarships for future high school physics teachers. These scholarships, supported by an endowment funded by Barbara Lotze, are available only to U.S. citizens attending U.S. schools. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$3,000 and a complimentary AAPT Student Membership for one year. The scholarship may be granted to an individual for each of four years. Applicants must declare their intent to prepare for a career in physics teaching at the high school level and must be a U.S. Citizen. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Ron Brown Scholar Program-** The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Dell Scholarship Program-** Provides 500 \$20,000 scholarships and laptop to high school seniors with an unweighted 2.4 gpa or higher, who demonstrate financial need/ Pell Grant eligible, are attending a 4 year college in fall 2024, are a US citizen or permanent resident and are participating in an approved college readiness program for 2 years total in 11th & 12th grade such as AVID, Upward Bound, College Possible and Genesys Works. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship-** A program that recognizes students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models that provide solutions to eliminate hunger in the U.S. Scholarship winners receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their hunger-related charity. *(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship-** The Point Flagship Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees at accredited colleges in the United States.

*(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**Racial Justice Oratorical Contest-** Minneapolis College students and high school seniors and juniors from Metro Area Public High Schools are invited to submit a 500- to 1000-word speech or performance piece in response to the following questions and prompt. One \$1000 scholarship prize will be awarded to a high school senior from the Metro Area. —"It is democracy turned upside down."—what does Dr. King, Jr. mean by this statement? - Why is voting a sacred right, and how does denial of the vote betray the highest mandates of our democratic traditions?- Does Dr. King overestimate the ballot's corrective re do contemporary examples make you hopeful or discouraged about racial justice? *(Deadline 12/18/23)*

**The Leadership Scholarship-** Our awards aim to financially support students in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area who have supported their communities by contributing their time and energy to make their communities better places to live. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled full time in your last two years of high school, or your first year in college. You must either be currently living in affordable housing in Minnesota, or have lived in affordable housing in Minnesota in the past. *(Deadline 12/31/23)*

### **More Scholarships**

- Your college's scholarships- search your college's financial aid website for scholarships your college offers!
- [Big Future College Board](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Scholarship.com](#)
- [Fastweb](#)